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Title: IMAGE EXTRACTING APPARATUS AND IMAGE EXTRACTING METHOD

RESPONSE TO QUAYLE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Quayle Action dated September 19, 2006. Please amend the claims as set forth below.

Please cancel claims 3-5, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 13 directed to a non-elected invention, without prejudice or disclaimer, subject to Applicant's right to file a divisional patent application.

Please amend claims 1, 6 and 14-19 as set forth in the "Amendments to the Claims" on pages 2 and 3 of this response.

Please amend drawing Figs. 13 and 14 as set forth in the "Amendments to the Drawings" on page 4 of this response.